

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A coating suspension for an expandable osmotic layer of a dosage form ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:
sodium carboxymethylcellulose as an osmopolymer;
sodium chloride as an osmotic agent;
hydroxyethylcellulose as a film former, wherein the coating suspension includes from about 5 wt% to about 7 wt% of the film former; and
a two part solvent system;
wherein the ratio of osmopolymer to osmotic agent included in the coating suspension is about 0.5:1 to about 0.7:1.
2. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the total solids content of the coating suspension is from about 16 wt% to about 20 wt %.
3. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the total solids content of the coating suspension is from about 16 wt% to about 18 wt %.
4. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the total solids content of the coating suspension is about 16 wt%.
5. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the total solids content of the coating suspension is about 18 wt %.
6. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the total solids content of the coating suspension is about 20 wt%.

7. (cancelled)

8. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the ratio of osmopolymer to osmotic agent included in the coating suspension is about 0.6:1.

9 (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the coating suspension includes about 5 wt% film former.

10. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the coating suspension includes about 6 wt% film former.

11. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the coating suspension includes about 7 wt% film former.

12. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the two part solvent system accounts for about 80 wt% to about 84 wt% of the coating suspension.

13. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the two part solvent system accounts for about 80 wt% to about 82 wt% of the coating suspension.

14. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the two part solvent system accounts for about 80 wt% of the coating suspension.

15. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the two part solvent system accounts for about 82 wt% of the coating suspension.

16. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the two part solvent system accounts for about 84wt% of the coating suspension.

17. (original) The coating suspension of claim 1, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 16 wt% to about 20 wt% of the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 5 wt% to about 7 wt% film former, about 3 wt% to about 6.2 wt% osmopolymer, and about 5.3% to about 10% osmotic agent.

18. (original) The coating suspension of claim 17, wherein the two part solvent system accounts for about 80 wt% to about 84 wt% of the coating suspension.

19. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the two part solvent system includes an organic solvent and an aqueous solvent, wherein the organic solvent is miscible with the aqueous solvent and the osmopolymer is poorly soluble in the organic solvent.

20. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the two part solvent system comprises ethanol and water.

21. (original) The coating suspension of claim 20, wherein the ratio of ethanol to water included in the two part solvent system is about 1:2 to about 1:4.

22. (original) The coating suspension of claim 20, wherein the ratio of ethanol to water included in the two part solvent system is about 1:2.2 to about 1:3.5.

23. (original) The coating suspension of claim 20, wherein the wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 16 wt% of the coating suspension, and the ratio of ethanol to water included in the two part solvent system is about 1:3 to about 1:3.5.

24. (original) The coating suspension of claim 20, wherein the wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 20 wt% of the coating suspension, and the ratio of ethanol to water included in the two part solvent system is about 1:2 to about 1:2.2.

25. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 16 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 5 wt% film former, about 3.7 wt% to about 4.5 wt% osmopolymer, and about 6.5 wt% to about 7.3 wt% osmotic agent.

26. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 16 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 5 wt% film former, about 4.1 wt% osmopolymer, and about 6.9 wt% osmotic agent.

27. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 16 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 6 wt% film former, about 3.3 wt% to about 4.1 wt% osmopolymer, and about 5.9 wt% to about 6.7 wt% osmotic agent.

28. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 16 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 6 wt% film former, about 3.7 wt% osmopolymer, and about 6.3 wt% osmotic agent.

29. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 16 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 7 wt% film former, about 3 wt% to about 3.7 wt% osmopolymer, and about 5.3 wt% to about 6 wt% osmotic agent.

30. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 16 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 7 wt% film former, about 3.4 wt% osmopolymer, and about 5.6 wt% osmotic agent.

31. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 18 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 5 wt% film former, about 4.3 wt% to about 5.4 wt% osmopolymer, and about 7.6 wt% to about 8.7 wt% osmotic agent.

32. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 18 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 5 wt% film former, about 4.9 wt% osmopolymer, and about 8.1 wt% osmotic agent.

33. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 18 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 6 wt% film former, about 4 wt% to about 4.9 wt% osmopolymer, and about 7.1 wt% to about 8 wt% osmotic agent.

34. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 18 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 6 wt% film former, about 4.5 wt% osmopolymer, and about 7.5 wt% osmotic agent.

35. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 18 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 7 wt% film former, about 3.7 wt% to about 4.5 wt% osmopolymer, and about 6.5 wt% to about 7.3 wt% osmotic agent.

36. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 18 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 7 wt% film former, about 4.1 wt% osmopolymer, and about 6.9 wt% osmotic agent.

37. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 20 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 5 wt% film former, about 5 wt% to about 6.2 wt% osmopolymer, and about 8.8 wt% to about 10 wt% osmotic agent.

38. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 20 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 5 wt% film former, about 5.6 wt% osmopolymer, and about 9.4 wt% osmotic agent.

39. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 20 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 6 wt% film former, about 4.7 wt% to about 5.8 wt% osmopolymer, and about 8.2 wt% to about 9.3 wt% osmotic agent.

40. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 20 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 6 wt% film former, about 5.3 wt% osmopolymer, and about 8.7 wt% osmotic agent.

41. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 20 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 7 wt% film former, about 4.3 wt% to about 5.4 wt% osmopolymer, and about 7.6 wt% to about 8.7 wt% osmotic agent.

42. (original) The coating suspension of claim 18, wherein the osmopolymer, the osmotic agent, and the film former account for about 20 wt% the coating suspension, with the coating suspension including about 7 wt% film former, about 4.9 wt% osmopolymer, and about 8.1 wt% osmotic agent.

43-60. (canceled)

61. (currently amended) A method for making a dosage form, the method comprising:

providing an intermediate dosage form;

providing a coating suspension ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of sodium carboxymethylcellulose as an osmopolymer, sodium chloride as an osmotic agent, hydroxyethylcellulose as a film former, wherein the coating suspension includes from about 5 wt% to about 7 wt% of the film former, and a two part solvent system, wherein the ratio of osmopolymer to osmotic agent included in the coating suspension is about 0.5:1 to about 0.7:1; coating the intermediate dosage form with the coating suspension.

62. (original) The method according to claim 60, wherein said coating of the intermediate dosage form with the coating suspension is carried out under wet process conditions.

63. (previously presented) The method according to claim 60, wherein said coating of the intermediate dosage form is carried out under process conditions that result in a coating efficiency of about 80% or less.